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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans Affairs

Introduced by:
(VA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE STUDY OF THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF
EXPOSURE TO DEPLETED URANIUM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study the health effects of the exposure to depleted uranium as it
3 relates to military service. The task force shall: (1) Commission a study
4 to consider such health effects and conduct a scientific conference on
5 such health effects, which shall include the evaluation of screening
6 methods to detect exposure to depleted uranium, including current
7 methods in the United States, and methods used in other countries; (2)
8 initiate a health registry for veterans and military personnel returning
9 from Afghanistan, Iraq or other countries in which depleted uranium
10 may be found; (3) develop a plan for outreach to and follow-up of
11 military personnel; and (4) make any other recommendations the task
12 force considers appropriate.

13 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

14 (1) The chairpersons of the select committee of the General
15 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to military and

16 veterans' affairs, who shall be the cochairpersons of the task force;

17 (2) The Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs or a designee;

18 (3) An employee of the Department of Public Health, designated by
19 the Commissioner of Public Health, who has knowledge of or
20 experience in the detection or health effects of exposure to depleted
21 uranium; and

22 (4) Six members appointed by the chairpersons who are physicians
23 or scientists with knowledge of or experience in the detection or health
24 effects of exposure to depleted uranium.

25 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
26 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
27 filled by the appointing authority.

28 (d) The chairpersons of the task force shall schedule the first
29 meeting of the task force, which shall be held no later than sixty days
30 after the effective date of this section.

31 (e) The administrative staff of the select committee of the General
32 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to military and
33 veterans' affairs shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

34 (f) Not later than January 31, 2006, the task force shall submit a
35 report on its findings and recommendations to the select committee of
36 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
37 military and veterans' affairs, in accordance with the provisions of
38 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on
39 the date that it submits such report or January 31, 2006, whichever is
40 earlier.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Statement of Purpose:

To study the health effects of exposure to depleted uranium.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]